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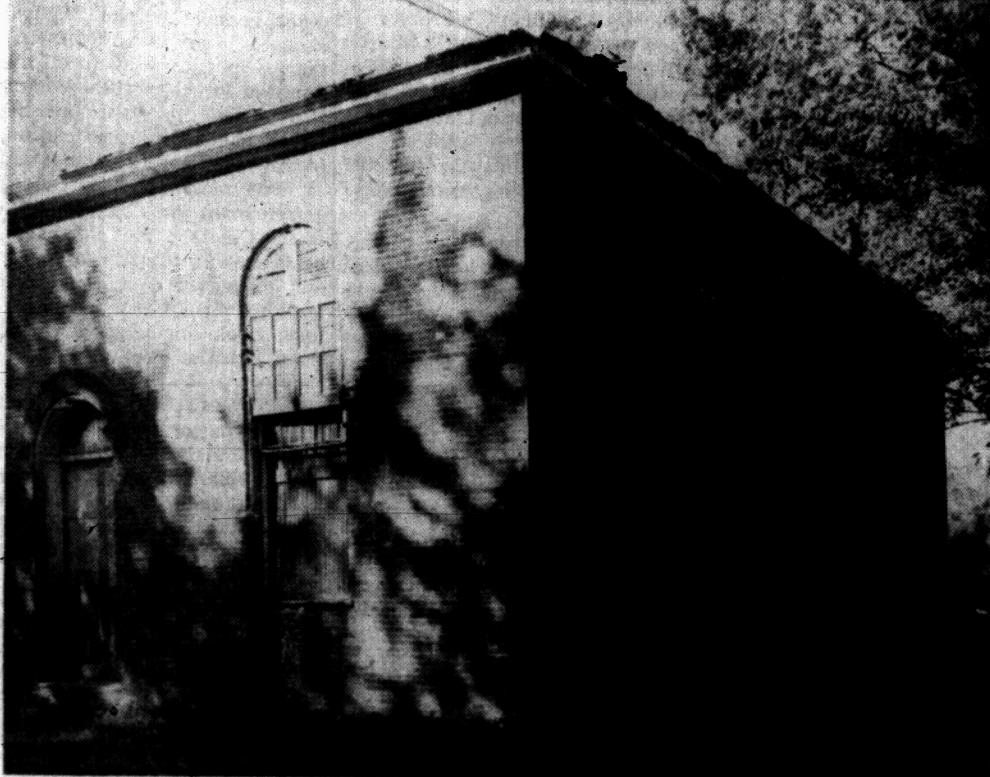
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—Byron

Where State Convention Was Born In 1836



Shown above is old Clear Creek Baptist Church at Washington, Miss., as it looked to a photographer as late as last week.

This is the church in which the present Mississippi Baptist Convention was organized on Dec. 24, 1836. The building is located about one block from Highway 61 in the town of Washington, in Adams County, near Natchez.

It's State Convention Time Throughout Convention

By The Baptist Press

It's state convention time throughout the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention.

From 40,000 to 45,000 Baptists in 30 states will gather at 24 convention sites during October and November. Locations of the conventions stretch from Easton on Maryland's peninsula near the Atlantic Ocean, to Eureka,

Uncle Sam Denies Alcohol Statistics Are Suppressed

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — The Department of Commerce denied here it is suppressing the publication of statistics on the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Replying to recent charges by Mrs. Glenn G. Hays of Evanston, Ill., president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, a department spokesman said it published an official estimate of American consumers' expenditure on liquor in the July, 1956, issue of its monthly "Surveys of Current Business."

The estimate for 1955 was \$9,050,000,000, an increase of about \$1,000,000,000 over 1954.

The department said it stopped issuing special press releases reporting expenditures on alcoholic beverages several years ago because "there apparently was little interest" by newspapers in the information.

However, the department has continued making annual estimates and publishing them along with other data on consumer expenditures for food, clothing and recreation, the spokesman added.

Mrs. Hays charged at the WCTU's annual executive committee meeting in Atlanta, Ga., that the government "buries" statistics on liquor consumption because of "fear of public reaction" if the facts were known.

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Hong Kong Work Is Not Affected by Recent Riots

Southern Baptist missionaries in Hong Kong and their work have not been affected by rioting in the Kowloon mainland section of the British crown colony, according to a cable which Dr. Baker James Caughen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, received today from Missionary James D. Bellote.

on the Pacific in northwest California.

One of the major items of business at all conventions will be adopting budgets for 1957 to support state and Southern Baptist Convention work.

The budgets are all expected to exceed those for 1956. The 1956 budgets total an estimated \$37 million. Texas has the largest budget and will seek to increase it to \$7½ million. Budgets scale downward to \$100,000 and \$200,000 in states like Ohio, Colorado, and Kansas, where Southern Baptist work is relatively new.

Together with the annual Southern Baptist Convention sessions, the individual state conventions serve to consolidate the co-operative witness of Southern Baptists.

There are 8½ million members of more than 30,000 Southern Baptist churches. Each church retains its own freedom and co-operates with the state

convention and Southern Baptist Convention voluntarily.

The state conventions retain their independence from the Southern Baptist Convention, but work with it through Co-operative Program budgets and joint efforts in denominational activities.

Texas Largest

Drop in at Corpus Christi for the Texas convention and you would find about two-thirds as many there as at the Southern Baptist annual convention. You would find only a few hundred at conventions in states where Southern Baptists are still pioneers and work is not as well known yet.

About half the states expect to elect new state presidents or moderators, depending on the title they use for this office.

Acting on established custom, the other half of the states will re-elect their presidents or moderators for second terms of a year each.

The programs of the state conventions include reports from state convention-operated schools, hospitals, and children's homes. They also include reports from convention boards and agencies, and inspirational addresses. These meetings also

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Church Of England Remarriage Ban Upheld By Fisher

LONDON (RNS)—Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, upheld the Church of England's ban against the remarriage of divorced persons in churches.

He told the Convocation of Canterbury that for 20 years it has been the practice of the Church not to remarry divorced persons in churches.

"If we all agree that for practical purposes that is the only policy the Church can follow, then let us stick to it," the Anglican Primate said.

I suggest that those who wish to re-open that point are reopening something that has been accepted as practice in the Church for 20 years," he added.

On the question of admitting remarried divorced persons to Holy Communion, Dr. Fisher said: "Whereas 20 years ago a large number of people would have said 'no admission at all' the general mind of the Church

is discretion in this matter."

A plea that parish priests be given more discretion in the handling of problems arising from remarriage after divorce was made by Dr. John L. Wilson, Bishop of Birmingham.

He criticized the idea that remarried divorced persons should be "put in quarantine" when seeking admission to Holy Communion.

In his address, Mr. Graham said the people of Kentucky "ought to be proud" of having a governor "who believes in God, prays and goes to church."

Convention to be Asked for Full Historical Commission

KNOW YOUR EARLY LEADERS

By C. B. HAMLET III
Member SBL Historical Com.
Winona, Miss.

The growth of Mississippi Baptists has from their earliest history been due in no small measure to the stature of their leaders. It is most difficult to try to select a few from the midst of so many. The ones selected have not been chosen because they have stood taller, but rather because of their

unique contributions in our organized work.

Ashley Vaughn
(1808-1839)

Ashley Vaughn is indeed "the father of the Mississippi Baptist Convention." Suffering from ill health he came to the Natchez county in 1833 as a home missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. He located at Washington and identified himself with the Clear Creek Baptist Church of which church he became the pastor. This man of vision began publishing the first Baptist paper in the state in September 1836 for the purpose of crystallizing the sentiment of the Baptists for a state convention. He actually marshalled the Baptist forces for the re-organization of the Mississippi Baptist Convention on December 24, 1836 in the Clear Creek church house.

He offered the resolution to organize the convention and was elected president and made chairman of the committee to draft the constitution.

General Mark Perrin Lowrey
(1828-1885)

General M. P. Lowrey was the 9th of 11 children and lost his mother at the age of ten. He had no formal education, yet took advantage of every opportunity to study and learn. He entered such distinguished service in the Confederate Army that he was promoted to Brigadier-general. At the close of the war he returned to Tippah county. Because of his demonstrated leadership ability, he was offered several large parishes, denominational and public positions, but all of these he refused to fulfill a life's dream of founding Blue Mountain Female Institute (later

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Late BULLETINS From Around The World

(By Religious News Service)

COLUMBIA, Mo.—More than two-thirds of the 1,516 girls students at Stephens College here are participating in a voluntary extracurricular program of community service under the direction of the Baptist school's division of religion and philosophy.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Church construction in September set a new record for a single month, the Departments of Commerce and Labor reported here. The total of \$72,000,000 was \$2,000,000 more than the previous monthly high established in August.

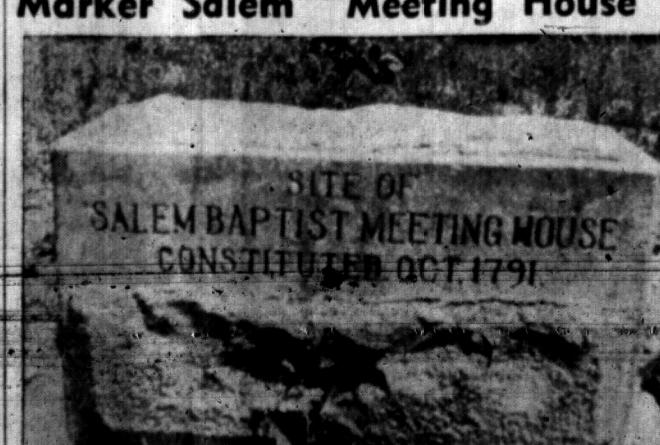
COLUMBIA, S. C.—Human personality is reduced to the merely physical by the so-called "pinup" magazines found on nearly every newsstand, Rev. Ralph A. Cannon said in the third of a series of articles dealing with publications which exploit sex and propagate a false concept of love.

KARLSRUHE, Germany—Church building in the Soviet Zone is at a virtual standstill for lack of funds, Dr. Oskar Soehngen, vice-president of the Evangelical Union Church (formerly the Old Prussian Union Church) reported at the German Evangelical Congress for Church Construction here.

WIESBADEN, Germany—Pastor Martin Niemoeller, president of the Evangelical Church of Hesse-Nassau, announced here that he will visit Communist China early in 1958 following his scheduled tour of India.

PARIS—For the third time in nine months, the French National Assembly threw out a proposal to place on the parliamentary agenda the question of abolishing State subsidies to church schools.

Marker Salem "Meeting House"



The marker shown above today rests upon the original site of the Salem Baptist "Meeting House," the first Baptist Church ever to be established on Mississippi soil. It was constituted in October, 1791.

Nine-Member Body Under Convention Control Sought

Martin J. Gilbert Accepts Riverside Missionary Post

Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, of Jackson, secretary Department of Rural Church Work of the State Convention Board for the past 8½ years, has resigned to become superintendent of missions for the Riverside Association; it has been announced by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, state executive secretary-treasurer.

He will succeed Rev. M. C. Waldrup, who resigned to become pastor of the Riverside Church, Clarksdale.

The Department of Rural Church Work emphasizes several very important phases of work especially as they affect rural churches.

This program includes schools of missions, the church survey program, the progress-chart program and rural church clinics.

The department continues the work of the 31 associational superintendents of missions in the state.

This department also cooperates closely with the state executive secretary and the associate secretary in the promotion of various phases of the state mission program.

The work of the more than 1100 rural churches of the state has shown a steady improvement during the past 8 years.

Mr. Gilbert is a graduate of Mississippi College and attended the New Orleans Seminary.

Formerly he was pastor of churches in the state as well as in Alabama and Louisiana. He served previously as superintendent of missions in Lauderdale and DeSoto associations.

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Church Ordered Return Property

FRANKFORT, Ky. (RNS)—The Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the Bethel Baptist church of Alpine, Ky., to return to Henry E. Hall of Pulaski County property he earlier had deeded to the congregation.

Mr. Hall had sued for recovery of the property in the Pulaski County Circuit Court when the Bethel congregation voted to join a United Baptist body.

He appealed to the higher court after Circuit Judge Roscoe C. Tartar declined to order the return of the property, saying it was not within the court's province to "draw any fine line of distinction between different types of Baptists."

"We take a different view," the appellate court said in an opinion written by Commissioner Watson Clay. "The terms of the deeds make it clear that the grantor (Mr. Hall) was insistent upon carrying out Missionary Baptist beliefs in this church, and in his second deed he specifically excluded the United Baptists.

"It is apparent attempts have been made to interfere with the missionary program of the church and that the congregation was induced to change from a Missionary Baptist to a United Baptist organization.

"We trust, however, that the grantor will carry out his expressed intention of reconveying this property to such an organization as will carry out the faiths, beliefs and objectives of the Missionary Baptists."

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Parkway Church Enlists 106 Men In One Year



The above picture represents part of a group of 106 men who were enrolled in Jackson's Parkway Church Sunday school during the year ending Sept. 30, 1956, as a result of the emphasis given toward the enlistment of men throughout the Southern Convention during last year and continuing through 1957. The leadership of the school met early in the year and made definite plans toward enrolling 100 additional men for Bible Study in twelve months. The result obtained may be attributed to definite planning, visitation, recognition of work accomplished and frequent progress reports.

Dr. G. Norman Price is pastor, Curtis Beard is educational director, and R. W. Upchurch is Sunday School superintendent.



SMITH COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Recently a Central Training School was conducted at Raleigh in the new church building with Rev. O. B. Robertson as host pastor. The meeting was under the leadership of Rev. Grady Smith, Associational Missionary of Smith Association, and Herbert S. Hoff, Associational Training Union Director.

A total of 164 were enrolled with an average attendance of 133. Thirteen of the 18 churches with Training Union were represented and one representative from a church without a

Training Union. The meeting was a huge success with wonderful participation and enthusiasm expressed.

The faculty was as follows: Nursery, Beginner and Primary Leaders, Mrs. A. A. Greene of West Point; Nursery children, Mrs. O. B. Robertson, Raleigh; Juniors, Mrs. Alonzo Jones; Intermediates, Rev. Nat Mayhall; Junior and Intermediate leaders, Miss Neta Stewart; Young People, Louise Hill; Adults, Mr. Aubrey J. Wilds; General Officers, G. G. Pierce.

The next step for Smith Association as announced by the Association Missionary Grady

Smith and Herbert Hoff, the Associational Director, is an associational Training Union enlargement campaign with every church with a Training Union participating.

BRIAR HILL GIRLS EARN BIBLE READERS' AWARD

Miss Carolyn Boteler and Miss Carol Weathersby, members of the Junior Union of Briar Hill Church, Rankin Association, have read their daily Bible readings every day for the Twelve months ending September 30, 1956. For this commendable feat these will receive a Bible Readers' Certificate with spaces for three seals which can be earned by reading the Junior Bible readings for an additional year. These awards were requested by Mrs. R. B. Gunter.

JUNIOR STATE WINNERS HONORED

Five Junior girls have been recognized as three-year State Winners in the Junior Memory Work Drill. These Juniors were either perfect or made not more than three mistakes in the state eliminations.

An inscribed blue ribbon giving the name of the drill and the date issued was presented to the following winners:

Rebecca Ann Davis of Lula Baptist Church, Lula, Riverside Association.

Sylvia Fenn of Central Baptist Church, McComb; Pike Association.

Glenda Moore of Coldwater Baptist Church, Philadelphia; Neshoba Association.

Betsy Ross of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Jackson; Hinds Association.

ANTIOCH STUDIES
Members of the Training Union of Antioch Baptist Church of Columbus, Miss., Lowndes Association, recently completed a study course based on the book, *Christian Leadership*.

Twenty-three members will receive awards for the course taught by the Training Union Director, Theron Walker.

At the close of each night's study, those present enjoyed a period of refreshments and fellowship. The study course was termed very successful.

This study course was led by Mrs. Louis Goodman, Jr.

PARKVIEW PLANS TO PROMOTE THE STANDARD

In a kickoff meeting for the Training Union of Parkview Baptist Church, Greenville, organization and the Standard of Excellence was emphasized.

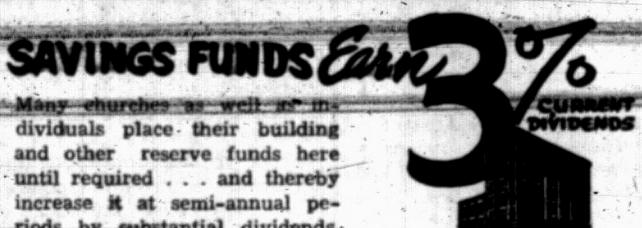
Under the leadership of Jas. Meredith, the Training Union Director and Paul Fox, the pastor, this first Officers' Council meeting of the new year was planned to set the sights of the church on a program of advance.

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The Hinds Federation of Business Women's Circles will meet at Van Winkle Church, Jackson, on Tuesday, October 30, at 6:30 p. m. Miss Edwina Robinson will make a talk and show slides of her recent trip to the Orient. Please report to Mrs. Wade, Van Winkle Church Secretary, 3-5948, not later than Friday, October 26, the number from your Circle who will attend. The supper will be 85 cents.



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Cradle Roll: Holly Springs, Mrs. R. B. Wilson, Supt.

Nursery: Jackson, Daniel Memorial, Mrs. C. A. DeWitt, supt.; Holly Springs, Mrs. Clyde Carlton, supt.; Ruleville, Mrs. W. N. Oliver, supt.; Canton, Center Terrace, Mrs. Carl Foster and Mrs. Albert Morgan, supts.

Beginner: Holly Springs, Mrs. H. F. Crawley, supt.; Brookhaven, First, Mrs. C. T. Travis, superintendent.

Primary: Holly Springs, Mrs. C. E. Alexander, supt.; Jackson, Daniel Memorial, Mrs. Earl Davis, supt.

Primary Classes: Tylertown, Mrs. A. B. Hinson, teacher; Louisville, First, Mrs. Leroy Jayne, teacher; Holly Springs, Mrs. A. D. Hill, Mrs. G. L. Davis, Mrs. G. R. Roebuck, and Mrs. Johnnie E. Davis, teachers; Jackson, Daniel Memorial, Mrs. J. B. Lee, Mrs. J. T. Smith, Mrs. J. C. Benson, Mrs. T. M. Brister, teachers.

ASSOCIATIONAL PROGRAMS

Since we last gave a report on the associations that are having their programs of training this Fall, several others have also had theirs.

CARROLL

Next came Carroll Association. That was October 8-11. It also was a Central school, with some classes in the Carrollton church and some in the North Carrollton church. This was the very first such program ever held in that association.

Missionary Edward P. Burke had worked long and hard. Pastors and others had also labored valiantly. It was a very fine week, and all who came were

delighted at the attendance and the spirit of the people. Good work was done and the prospects for advance seem bright.

ATTALA

Also on October 8-11 was Central Diploma school for Attala Association, with the classes in the Kosciusko, First Church.

Missionary H. H. Ward and other associational leaders had

planned for the four diploma books this time.

A good teacher had been secured for each book and as a result of that week's work there will be many other diploma holders by the end of this year.

This is a good plan occasionally because the diploma books are basis in the building of a good Sunday school. We need to come back to them from time

to time, both for the good to those who have never studied them, and also for those who have, so they can refresh themselves on the great fundamentals of Sunday school work.

THANKS TO ALL

And so, our very sincere

thanks to the leaders in all

these associations for this fine

training work so early in the

new year. No better time can

be found for it; however, any

time is a good time to train for

better work. We have some

wonderful Sunday school lead-

ers in our state, and we are

grateful to them for every good

work done.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All associational clerks who

have not done so are urged to

submit immediately the name of

the person nominated as Conven-

tion Board member to the

office of the executive secretary

treasurer, Box 530, Jackson.

This is a requirement of the

state constitution and is the ac-

cepted procedure for getting

these names ready for the Conven-

tion committee on nominations

to consider before submit-

ting them to the Convention for

appointment.

QUARLES' QUOTES

From The Office Of The Executive Secretary-Treasurer

MISSIONARIES: Into our books are closed at noon Wednesday, October 31, 1956. This will end our fiscal year. All money received by us after that will be credited to the church's record for next year. Let us get that mission money in!

ANDERSON: Up in Booneville there is a well known citizen by the name of Dr. W. H. Anderson. Along with his many other honors (and he has had about as many as any person I know), he is president of the Board of Trustees of Blue Mountain College. He is a staunch believer in Christian education, having sent his two daughters to Blue Mountain. As county chairman of the Christian Education Capital Funds Campaign, he is seeking to raise funds for our colleges. He believes in it and his enthusiasm is contagious. Look for a good report from Prentiss County.

HATTIESBURG: Dr. Elmer Neilson, pastor of the Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg, has led his people in constructing a beautiful auditorium. This is the church that is closest to William Carey College. Last Sunday I had the privilege of preaching there. It was the occasion of the placing of the cornerstone. Dr. Neilson is an outstanding personality. He possesses an amazing abundance of energy and enthusiasm. He holds the Doctor of Theology degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Mississippi Baptists go forward with pastors of his spirit and caliber.

TREASURERS: Please remem-

ber to time, both for the good to those who have never studied them, and also for those who have, so they can refresh themselves on the great fundamentals of Sunday school work.

ATTENTION!

ATTENTION! All Pastors and Church Treasurers

The Convention Board Treasurer's Books for 1955-56

will close at Noon Wednesday, Oct. 31. All funds to be

counted in this year's budget must be in the office by

that hour. Those mailing remittances are urged to get

them in the mail not later than Oct. 29 to be sure they

arrive in time.

All Cooperative Program Funds given in October over the objective of \$1,675,000 will go to Missions — State Missions 50%, Foreign Missions 37½%, and Home Missions 12½%.

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD

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FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE

Foreign Mission Board Adopts Budget of \$8,128,000 for 1957

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in its annual full meeting in Richmond, Va., October 9-10, adopted a budget of \$8,128,504.34 for 1957, an increase of \$627,422.66 over 1956; appointed 18 young people for overseas service, bringing the total number of active missionaries to 1,098; set a goal of 130 appointments for 1957; appropriated approximately \$230,000 of current and advance program funds for its work on foreign fields; looked with favor on exploring possibilities of entry into new areas; and heard a progress report of its building and planning committee.

Officers Elected

Dr. L. Howard Jenkins, Richmond book publisher, was re-elected president of the Board (he begins his 25th year as president and 42nd year as a member); Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., Atlanta, Ga., re-elected first vice-president; and Dr. Howard L. Arthur, Richmond, elected second vice-president.

Dr. Herman P. Thomas, Richmond, was elected recording secretary; Miss Mary Elizabeth Fuqua, Richmond, re-elected assistant recording secretary; Dr. Oscar L. Hite, Richmond, re-elected medical adviser.

Advance in Life and Money

Missionary appointments at the October meeting of the Board brought the total for the year to 103; and it was announced that about 19 young people will be seeking appointment at the December meeting.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, said in his report: "While only a few minutes are required to actually conduct the appointment of these missionaries, a very long path leads from the time of their decision until the moment they stand before the Board."

A new peak has been reached in the number of young people volunteering for missionary service. Never in the history of the Board have there been as many young people indicating their feeling that God is leading them into foreign missionary service.

"Also from the standpoint of finances we have come to a new high peak. The 1957 budget of \$8,128,504.34 is the largest ever adopted by the Foreign Mission Board; but, while this is a large sum of money, it was necessary to eliminate more than a half million dollars of the requests for current operations presented by the Missions.

"All budget requests have been carefully studied on the mission fields. Missions meet in annual session where every need is examined thoroughly; and, because missionaries know that it will not be possible for all their needs to be supplied, they present only the most urgent matters for consideration.

"The 1957 budget is made possible through the growth of Southern Baptist giving. Support of world missions through the Cooperative Program is of vital importance to every Southern Baptist. On October 8 I received the following telegram from Dr. Porter Routh: 'Cooperative Program gifts received this morning completed \$10,000,000 basic budget and added \$41,888.11 for home and foreign missions—total \$10,041,888.11.'"

(All Cooperative Program funds received by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention after the basic Convention budget is reached are divided between the two mission boards, the Foreign Mission Board receiving 75 per cent. Thus, the money is called advance program funds.)

"We look to these advance program funds to enable us to take additional steps in going forward in making Christ known to the world," Dr. Cauthen said. "The Foreign Mission Board does well always to look upon itself as a channel through which Southern Baptists are doing their work for Christ throughout the world."

"We enter World Missions Year at a time when Southern Baptists have focused their attention more definitely upon the world task than at any time before in our history. We believe this attention will remain; and, as we move into the period of Jubilee Advance leading up to 1964, there will be a sustained drive which will accelerate ad-

vance on all lines both at home and abroad."

Dr. Cauthen called attention to several essentials of sustained advance and then concluded his report: "Most of all, it is necessary that we develop the prayer potential of Southern Baptists for world missions. We have only begun to measure the possibilities in this direction. It could well be that one of the next distinctive steps forward will lie along the line of harnessing the prayer potential of the Convention for world missions."

Appropriations

The largest items among many in the \$230,000 appropriated for work overseas were the following: \$11,280 to purchase property in Es Salt, Jordan, a center new to Southern Baptists; \$10,000 to purchase land in Beirut, Lebanon, for assembly purposes for the Near East Mission; \$15,000 to purchase land for assembly grounds in Paris, France; \$15,000 to add a story to the seminary building, Budapest, Hungary; \$20,000 for a dormitory for the girls' school, Abeokuta, Nigeria; and \$10,000 for the training center for elementary teachers in Ife, Nigeria.

Missionary Personnel

Rev. Elmer S. West, Jr., the Board's secretary for missionary personnel who spent five weeks in Latin America this summer studying personnel needs, said in his report: "One is stirred to the depths by the critical needs for additional personnel on every hand. No group of Christians since the first century has faced a greater call to witness than claims our allegiance to-day."

Mr. West shared figures from a recent study made by the personnel department in an attempt to appraise future possibilities for missionary appointments.

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Indian Springs Calls Dr. Judson Chastain

After serving the Brewer Church for five years, Pastor Judson Chastain has resigned there, to accept a call to the Indian Springs church, in Perry County. He succeeds Rev. Haskell Mathis, who has been called to the East Morton church.

Dr. Chastain will continue as a teacher at Wm. Carey College.

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Rev. L. W. Ferrell Dies Suddenly

Rev. L. W. Ferrell, pastor of the Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, for the past 23 years, died at his home early October 17. Relatives found him dead in bed when they arose Wednesday morning.

A native of Buena, Texas, the 55-year old Mr. Ferrell, was formerly pastor of the First Church at Magee. He attended the New Orleans Seminary and Union College at Jackson, Tenn.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Sam Allman of Gulfport, and Mrs. Edgar Marsh of Jackson; and a brother, Deward Ferrell of Buena, Texas.

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Lula Church Members Dedicate New Building

Members of the Lula Church in Madison County dedicated its new church building, on Sunday, October 14.

The new building, begun in 1952, is now debt-free. Rev. Don Henderson, pastor of the Lula Church for the past year, directed the day's special homecoming and dedication program.

Rev. Billy Johnson, now of Brownsville, who was the Lula pastor when the new church was started, preached in the morning and Rev. David Crawford of Canton, who held his first pastorate at Lula, spoke in the afternoon. Lunch was served at the church.

The church, organized in 1901, was named for Mrs. Lucinda F. Williams, who gave a Bible still used in the church.

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Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Mrs. Davis, Mrs. J. R. Singleton, Bobby Callender, Byram; Mrs. J. R. Collins, Mrs. Gene Friar, Jackson; Mrs. K. D. Alexander, Hollandale; Rev. W. S. Hobson, Louisville; Rev. W. W. Herrin, Eupora; Dr. Kermit Canterbury, Indiana.

Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

For October 28.

THE SHEPHERD PSALM

Bible Text: Psalm 23.

Introduction. Long years ago, during the state superintendency of Joseph Neely Powers, I taught during some summers, in the summer normal for negro teachers in Jackson. The days were long and hot and the nights were short and hot. The teachers would get drowsy (Of course the manner of their white teachers had nothing to do with the black teachers' getting sleepy), and the other white teachers would instruct me to get the teachers awake. This I would do by having them stand and sing, or quote scripture. You guess, now, what some one of them would always read. You guessed it: The Twenty-Third Psalm. And the one who started it went right on to quote all of it.

I am not about to say that this psalm is the best known religious poem in the literature of the world: I am saying that it is the best known poem of any sort in all literature of mankind. Why? It speaks of a God who cares for His own, draws nigh to them, and provides for them here and hereafter.

I. A TENDER RELATIONSHIP.

Through all the Bible, the relation of shepherd and sheep is a very tender one. The eastern shepherds are usually strong, sun-brown men, brave, and tender-hearted men, who have grown that way from living much outdoors, and from the constant care of things lovable and helpless. Someone testified in a certain place, saying, "The good shepherd layeth down his life for his sheep." And so it was and so it is until now, from a time that stretches across millenniums.

The lad David would go out in single combat against Goliath, the boastful champion of the Philistines, and the king would refuse to allow him, because the contest would be so pitifully unequal. But the lad answered the king, saying that he had kept his sheep and when a bear came to scatter them and the Lord delivered the bear into David's hands and, again, a lion came to make spoil of the sheep and David stood between the lion and the sheep, and the Lord delivered the lion into the boy shepherd's hand.

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All of this just to say that the relationship between shepherd and sheep was that close that the shepherd recked not of danger to himself when the welfare of his sheep was in the balance. So the Lord the good shepherd will not desert His people in time of danger.

II. BOUNTIFUL PROVISION.

"I shall not want." That is the statement in which all others as to provision are summed up. His provision of food is abundant. "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." Plenty for me and more!

He leads me to calm and inviting water-courses, where my heat-induced thirst is quenched. And when the heat of the long day and the uneven path of the long way have sapped my courage, "He restoreth my soul." And every hour of every day, along every step of every way, wherein I am every moment walking "In the valley of the shadow of death, thou art with me, thy rod to make strong, thy staff to guide me."

III. SOUL-RAPTING OUTLOOK.

This includes provision afforded in spite of opposition of those who would turn the trusting soul astray. The enemies of the person of Godly walk shall see him feast on the good things of God in spite of all those enemies can do.

Here, now, is "the house of the Lord" wherein His shall abide forever, while the Goodness and Mercy of the Lord, like two great watchdogs of the Almighty go alongside to guard.

Here in this world and living this earthly life we are no less in the house of the Lord than in the fairer one to come, but in both we may see His face and serve Him and proudly wear His mark upon our foreheads.

The earthly room of His great house is fair and very fair, and it is for our temporary camping place wherein to remain while He prepares us for the real home. If then, this be so bright, what must the loveliness of the one to come be like!

Woman's Missionary Union

President—MISS ALMARINE BROWN, Jackson
Executive Secretary—MISS EDWINA ROBINSON
Young People's Secretary—MISS NELL TAYLOR



WMU Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
GOAL: \$3,750,000

DECEMBER 3-7, 1956

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union will soon observe the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions — last year Mississippi gave \$213,241.45—is it too much to hope that this year we will give \$250,000.00? The needs of the world call for it, God's blessings upon us make it possible if we will respond.

Where Can a Christian Go to College

For Chinese young men and women graduating from our three high schools in Hong Kong, the chances for college education were practically nil. An interdenominational university is being started; University of Hong Kong is way overcrowded.

Communist China invited students back to its colleges on the mainland on an "all expenses paid" basis. But, would a Baptist go back to study in Communist China? Could he?

Where would we get prepared volunteers for our seminary in Hong Kong?

To think of the situation is to see we must have a Baptist college. With steadfast faith the Chinese Baptists of Hong Kong felt led of the Lord to answer the urgent need. And, from 1955 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering \$15,000 will go to prove our interest. Will \$15,000 be enough? Give so that another appropriation can be made after this Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

"Seminary Current Expenses"

Yes, any seminary would have "current expenses." Who will pay them in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaya, Philippines, Thailand, Nigeria, North Brazil, South Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Mexico? Through this 1956 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering you will contribute sums of money ranging from \$4,760 in Korea to \$21,500 for the International Seminary in Buenos Aires. Aren't you glad? Think of yourself multiplying the effective witness of Christ's volunteers in all these troubled countries.

The Baptist Seminary in Taiwan has its second session with 15 students from 5 islands. Picture them in your mind and heart. Add on the fine young men and women in our other seminaries — some 800 of them — pray for them and give. They are counting on your gifts for "seminary current expenses" through this Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

That Babies May Live
It doesn't look too important in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering list, but there it is in the additional allocations of 1955.

Ire Garage with laundry unit for welfare center \$600
And again, in the same list:

Ire Welfare Center, repairs and equipment \$800
But can you picture what the Ire Welfare Center really does?

Last year there were 8,647 outpatients. There were 2,271 inpatients. There were 605 babies delivered.

More than that at the center, there is a Training School for Midwives.

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Dry hearing is responsible for much dry preaching.

First, Laurel, Plans Stewardship Emphasis

First Church, Laurel, Dr. Thomas R. McKibbens, pastor, has announced plans for a Christian Stewardship Emphasis Week November 5-11.

EDITORIALS

The March Of Time

"Tempus fugit" is one of the most elementary phrases in Latin and one of the most elemental facts of life. The flight of time is never more obvious than when we reminisce, as in this special historical issue.

The ebb and flow of Mississippi Baptist life since the beginning in 1780 is one of the greatest stories in American Christianity. We are fortunate in having had among us men like J. L. Boyd who have lovingly and skillfully preserved the records of the past.

Rev. Boyd, with perseverance befitting the ubiquitous Eusebius, has gathered a vast amount of historical material. It is stored in the library at Mississippi College.

The convention's committee on the Historical Society, headed by Chairman W. M. Whittington, will present a noteworthy recommendation to the annual convention meeting in Jackson in November. The proposal is to set up a nine member Historical Commission which would safeguard and use this rich store of information. There are ample reasons commanding it for adoption.

To know something of the past is good insurance against some of the old pitfalls. George Santayana said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

In looking back on the work of pioneers it is easy to minimize their achievements by comparing them to today's impressive statistics. It is tempting to think: "These poor Might-Have-Beens, these fatuous, ineffectual Yesterdays!"

Only when you have the full story which history alone can unfold, only when you remember that very few things happen at the right time, only when you realize the tremendous hardships faced by these forefathers in the faith can you grasp the greatness of our heritage.

At every turn down the decades God has prepared capable leaders to stand in the breach for the Kingdom. The years have slipped by quickly but Baptist witness in the Magnolia State has kept pace with the times. Today 40 percent of the white population in Mississippi is Baptist.

At the end of our 175th year in 1955 Mississippi Baptists stood 430,134 strong. Our 1,734 churches reported 387,392 in Sunday School, 128,177 in Training Union, 55,802 in Woman's Missionary Union, 16,850 in Brotherhood with 16,766 baptisms for the year. Gifts for missions amounted to \$2,395,183 and contributions to all causes climbed to \$14,682,311. Property value, at an all-time high, stood at \$59,980,055.

Indeed, since 1780 we have come a long way. The relics and records, the memoranda of these years form a guidebook for us as we face the future. This is no time to begin behaving like the bird who flew backwards so he could see where he had been. It is a time for us to move forward in a manner befitting our glorious history.

In ancient days the Olympian god Hermes, called Mercury by the Romans, symbolized the flight of time. He was represented as having winged sandals and a winged hat. Time still moves on at a furious pace and we in our generation, like our forefathers in theirs, must march on or be left behind.

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Foregleams of the Future in Finance

The mid-south test run of the "Church Finance Program of Southern Baptists" in progress this week in the Jackson area is notable "first" in SBC life.

Along with the similar and simultaneous trial run in Phoenix, Arizona, this project is trying out a new plan of finance for Baptist churches. The new plan has been developed carefully after two years of pains-taking study. It promises to be the biggest boost to church budget-raising in Southern Baptist history.

The central idea of the program has been to develop a package plan, a do-it-yourself kit, complete with all necessary instructions, schedules, and materials necessary to put on a successful stewardship campaign. The program aims to bring the skills and proven techniques of the professional fund-raisers plus the best of Southern Baptist experience to every Baptist church.

In Jackson this week for this part of the test program are Porter Routh, Merrill Moore, Albert McClellan, and Robert Hastings of Nashville to assist and guide in this vital phase of the activities.

From coast to coast Baptist leaders are watching for the results of this pilot campaign. This shakedown cruise is designed to check thoroughly the workability of the proposed and highly-promising program. Nine churches are serving as test churches—eight in Jackson (First, Northside, Parkway, Daniel Memorial, Southside, Crestwood, Ridgecrest, and Broadmoor), one open country church in Hinds County (Salem).

Results thus far justify the prediction that this "Church Finance Program" will bring about the same kind of revolution in local church contributions that the Standard of Excellence brought in our Sunday Schools.

Following the Jackson and Phoenix trial runs the program will go back to the Promotion Committee and the Executive Committee for the December meeting in Nashville. Then it will be put in final shape for distribution to the churches throughout the entire convention. This long-awaited package plan, carrying with it hopes for a brighter, better day for our churches, should be available to all by next summer.

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More Liquor Stores Than Churches

Churches now selling liquor outnumber churches in the United States by more than four to three, according to facts from the Internal Revenue Service.

At the mid-year point the Revenue Service had tabulated 274,877 retail liquor dealers and 168,180 retail beer dealers, making a total of 443,057. Churches and synagogues in the nation now number 305,449, according to the Yearbook of American Churches.

This tragic development in American life is already having its effect. The FBI report on crime during the first six months of the year shows that over 60 percent of all arrests reported during that time were alcohol-related. These liquor-fired crimes amounted to almost 10,000 a day and added up to the sickening total of 1,786,947.

Arrests for drunkenness accounted for 1,273,319 in the 1,771 cities in the FBI crime survey.

And there are some well-meaning but badly deluded people here in Mississippi who profess to believe that drinking would actually decrease by making it legal. What idiotic logic is this which expects intelligent people to believe that there would be less drinking in the state after turning the liquor industry loose unfettered and unhampered within our borders.

A half-wit can quickly cut through the pretensions of distillery advertising campaigns to see that they have one purpose and one purpose alone—to sell liquor, then to sell more liquor, then to sell still more liquor, and the consequences be hanged!

The liquor industry, with all of its minions of wickedness with all of its lecherous greed, is guilty of bald and brazen hypocrisy when it weeps its crocodile tears over liquor-caused crime. If the industry really cared one whit about the above record of drunkenness, if it had a genuine concern for the 325,935 disorderly conduct arrests, the 137,098 arrests for driving while intoxicated, the 50,195 liquor

WORLD'S MOST IMPORTANT MEETING

Church SERVICES
at your church

FORSAKE NOT ASSEMBLING TOGETHER — Hebrews 10:25

17TH CENTURY BAPTIST PRESS

RELIGIOUS LEADERS DENOUNCE FORMATION OF BAPTIST CHURCH

BOSTON, May 28, 1665—(BP)

Nine stout believers braved the stern opposition of the established church today to form the First Baptist Church of Boston. Two of the charter members are women.

The Baptists, who have been holding informal meetings here, announced that they have entered into "a solemn covenant, in the name of Lord Jesus Christ, to walk in fellowship and communion together, in the practice of all the holy appointments of Christ, which he had, or, should further, make known to them."

The established church, long bitter foe of the liberal and independent Baptist group, was outraged and lost no time in denouncing the movement. Some of the group have been excommunicated by the church to which they formerly belonged.

A spokesman for the ecclesiastical hierarchy in Massachusetts charged that the formation of the church is "not only a violation of the laws of the Commonwealth relating to the orderly manner of gathering a church, but is also a flagrant invasion of the rights of other churches." Opponents of the Baptists point out that the new church not only has accepted for membership candidates who have been excommunicated by the established church, but that these excommunicated members are allowed to administer the sacraments.

"I have not presented the proposal in terms of segregation at all," Criswell explained. "I have presented it in terms of having a Baptist high school. The idea has been turning over in my heart for years. The U. S. Supreme Court ruling on integration did nothing to hasten my decision in recommending the proposal."

Gould first renounced the doctrine of infant baptism on one occasion creating a disturbance before the congregation as the sacrament was being ad-

mitted.

Among the chief complaints against the Baptists are their rejection of infant baptism and their opposition to the authority of the state church. The only ordinances observed by the Baptists are the Lord's Supper and baptism. Baptism is reserved for professing believers only and is a prerequisite of church membership.

Cost of the proposed school was estimated at \$50,000 for equipment and \$150,000 for operation on the basis of a maximum student group of 500 pupils.

law violations marked up in these same 1,771 cities mentioned above during the first half of this year—the index of lawlessness. In turn, such acts they would suspend operations and quit making the devilish brew which leads to such crime.

The figures released by the FBI do not include arrest reports on charges of assault, rape, vagrancy, and offenses against family and children. Liquor is often a major factor in these heinous acts.

By no means does Mississippi have an unspotted record in dealing with the liquor menace! In some spots over the state bootleggers are perfectly free to carry on their nefarious trade, and on occasion, with the protection of local law enforcement officers. The Black Market Tax still rests on the statute books of our state, the foulest act of perfidy in the legislative history of our state and an unclean mark against every legislator who has a part in keeping it there.

In the statewide election of August 26, 1952, the people of the state voted overwhelmingly against legal liquor and for stronger controls. The "mandate of the people" called for by the governor and the legislature in the election was plainly and unmistakably given. What happened? One of the most serious breaches of faith, an unprecedented betrayal of the expressed will of the people, has been the sorry sequel. Buck-passing, ham-handedness, and plain dereliction of duty have kept down tightening of controls on the quasi-illegal liquor traffic.

The attempts of a few to clean up this despicable liquor mess have been derided and hooted at by supposedly intelligent people. What manner of fools are we that liquor doesn't go unchallenged for the curse it is! What madness is this among Mississippians that permits the prating creatures of the liquor lobby to go on unanswered!

The answer to the problem of liquor in Mississippi is not legalization but enforcement of laws which will reduce this terrible blight! To act otherwise would be to bring down upon ourselves the accelerated crime rates of other areas where liquor sits in the seat of respectability.

The Baptist Forum

ROTATING DEACONS

"The plan of rotating church deacons in office can be helpful even in as small a church as ours." This is the testimony of the Brewer church, in Perry Assoc., which has a total of less than two hundred members, including non-residents. "We are now beginning our fourth year in the use of this plan, and we recommend its use in other small rural churches."

Judson Chastain,
Pastor, Brewer Church,
Richton

DEACONS & PREACHERS

What is the difference between the deacon and the preacher? The deacon is led by the Holy Spirit but has to use his good reasoning and sense. The preacher tells what the Holy Spirit says regardless of his reasoning.

Walterine Atkinson
Baldwyn

BACK TO BARCELONA

By the time you receive this note, we will be again living in Barcelona.

Our Baptist Seminary in Barcelona has been incorrectly called by some "the preacher factory." On May 22 the closing exercises were held, and nine young men completed the three year course of study. Seven of these young men are in the pastorate and two plan to do graduate study in Ruschlikon, Switzerland in the European Baptist Seminary. The speaker for the graduation exercise was Dr. Luther Copeland, who was on his way to the States to become Missions Professor at Southeastern Seminary.

Charles and Nella Dean Whitton,
Calle Dr. Turro, 1
Esplugas de Llobregat
(Barcelona) Spain.

REQUEST

The Tishomingo County Baptist Association meeting in annual session with the Calvary Baptist Church Belmont, Mississippi, directed that I, the clerk of the association, write the Baptist Record, for publication, our unanimous decision in requesting that Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi, become a co-educational institution because we believe that would be the best policy for all concerned.

Raymond Buchanan, Clerk
Tishomingo County Baptist Association

AVAILABLE

I am writing you in the interest of Bro. E. W. "Phil" Edge of Rolling Fork, Mississippi. Phil is a contractor and builder and has been doing some preaching in connection with his building. He is a wonderful personal soul winner and a good preacher. He is a fine supporter of our Baptist life and convention. He is around 45 years old and is married but does not have any children. His training is limited, but any Mission Church would do well to secure his services. He makes me think of our fine friend McNamee who did such fine work on the coast. He would love to have some work similar to that McNamee did down on the coast.

Vernon May
Tyertown

KEDIRI MIRACLE

For sometime now I have been waiting to write you about the "Kediri Miracle." But since there seems to be no end to it, I shall proceed to tell you what has happened thus far. Before we came to Kediri we were told that this was one of the strongest Moslem areas of Java and that the work would probably go very slowly. Naturally we came with those expectations.

But as you note the following "progress report" you will see that it has not been quite like that.

For example, Christ on the Cross could not choose to come down from the Cross (because of a choice he had already made to pay the cost of man's redemption), but he could choose not to be bitter and unforgiving. We do believe that God can help us create something good from our mistakes, under certain conditions of response to Him and cooperation with Him.

But how?

First, we must stop trying to do everything ourselves. We must bring God into the picture of our lives and let him turn loose all the powers He has available. Having done this, we can have a vision of the possibilities of what we can be by living under the guidance of God's presence. And, third, we can carry thru step by step the plan of action for right living that we find reflected in the teachings of the New Testament.

It may take a long time, but we can enable anyone to take a second best and make a life out of it.

Trying yours,
G. Avery Lee
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"Ninety-five per cent of the fourteen million language group members are unevangelized."

Pages From The Past

By J. L. Boyd, Sr.

50 Years Ago

Pastor L. G. Gates of Laurel, First Church, reports 26 accessions to the membership, eighteen of them for baptism during a meeting of days in which Rev. W. J. Mahoney of New Orleans, First Church did the preaching.

The enrollment at Mississippi College goes beyond the 400 mark to the great delight of President W. T. Lowrey.

40 Years Ago

Pastor T. A. Beasley of the Ecru Baptist Church reports 62 additions to the church, 44 of them for baptism, during a revival meeting in which Rev. T. L. Holcomb of Pontotoc did the preaching. Forty of those baptized were boys and girls of the local school where services were held daily.

Pastor R. L. Wallace tells of the dedication of the new house of worship of the Baptist Church at Inverness. The sermon was preached by Secretary J. B. Lawrence, of the State Convention Board.

The Starkville Church closed a good meeting with 32 additions, twelve of them by baptism. Pastor W. A. Jordan did the preaching and Evangelistic Singer E. A. Petre of Blue Mountain led the singing services.

The church at Fort Gibson experienced a gracious revival during which Pastor D. W. McCleod was assisted by Rev. Harry Leland Martin of Idianola, which resulted in thirteen members added, eight of them by experience and baptism.

25 Years Ago

The Board of Trustees of Mississippi College "on last Friday, meeting in Jackson, unanimously elected Dr. Donald McGinnis Nelson as President of Mississippi College."

ON MAKING THE MOST OF OUR MISTAKES

Well, give a guy credit for pulling a real boner whenever he does pull one. I remember back in high school band playing days when our director used to say, "If you make mistake, make a big one so you can hear it and correct it." And mine are usually pretty loud "boos boos." In fact, I goof off with some degree of regularity.

Of the making of mistakes there is no end. Who among us has never made one? If such there be, he is entitled to sit in judgment. It's not that we deliberately plan on them. No man in his right mind wants deliberately to make mistakes, but we all do.

What causes us to make mistakes, anyway? Several things: One is wrong choices, another is ignorance, a third is willful disobedience, and a fourth is accident.

The effects of our mistakes upon us, and upon others cannot be erased. But we need not remain in them. After our mistakes are made we are not entirely free but we are conditioned by previously made decisions.

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Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

Emotionally Sick Woman

QUESTION. I am a woman fifty years of age. I have an emotional illness which causes me almost unbearable physical and mental suffering. Since my youth I have been to many doctors and psychiatrists but they seem unable to help me.

My problem is this—I do not feel that I am saved, therefore do not have any security. I am terribly afraid of death and do not see how anyone can suffer as I do at times and live. I have been to the altar and tried to be saved many times, but the only feeling I have is this awful fear. Am I doomed to hell because I just cannot understand how to be saved?

ANSWER: I notice that you speak of "feeling" that you are not saved. Perhaps you have placed too much emphasis on the matter of feeling. The Bible does not say "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will feel saved." Nor does Jesus say that "whosoever feeleth that he believeth will have everlasting life."

Some people who have emotional disorders can never feel right toward God. They always feel estranged from God. This is unfortunate, but it is the way some people are.

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